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International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 . . . . . [127]

(a) Letter from the Secretary-General (A/64/513)

(b) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/64/590)

The General Assembly decided:

(a) to underline its intention to extend, by 30 June 2010, the terms of office of all trial judges at the International Tribunal based on the Tribunal's projected trial schedule and the terms of office of all appeals judges until 31 December 2012, or until the completion of the cases to which they are assigned if sooner;

(b) that in order for the International Tribunal to complete existing trials or conduct additional trials the total number of ad litem judges serving at the International Tribunal may from time to time temporarily exceed the maximum of nine provided for in article 11, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the International Tribunal, to a maximum of twelve at any one time, returning to a maximum of nine by 31 December 2010;

(c) that, notwithstanding the expiry of his term of office on 31 December 2009, Judge Erik Mose complete the *Setako* case which he began before the expiry of his term of office; and to take note of the intention of the International Tribunal to complete the case before the end of February 2010.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 127.

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International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 . . . . . [128]

(a) Letter from the Secretary-General (A/64/510)

(b) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/64/591)

The General Assembly decided:

(a) to underline its intention to extend, by 30 June 2010, the terms of office of all trial judges at the International Tribunal based on the Tribunal's projected trial schedule and the terms of office of all appeals judges until 31 December 2012, or until the completion of the cases to which they are assigned if sooner;

(b) that, notwithstanding the expiry of their terms of office on 31 December 2009, Judges Kimberley Prost (Canada) and Ole Bjørn Støle (Norway) complete the *Popović* case which they began before the expiry of their terms of office; and to take note of the intention of the International Tribunal to complete the case before the end of March 2010;

(c) that, in this regard, the total number of ad litem judges serving at the International Tribunal may temporarily exceed the maximum of twelve provided for in article 12, paragraph 1, of the Statute of the International Tribunal, to a maximum of thirteen at any one time, returning to a maximum of twelve by 31 March 2010;

(d) to allow ad litem Judges Prost and Støle to serve at the International Tribunal beyond the cumulative period of service provided for under article 13 *ter*, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the International Tribunal.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 128.

The meeting was suspended.

The meeting was resumed.

The United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy . . . . . [115]

(a) Draft resolution (A/64/L.27)

(b) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/598)

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 115.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/64/L.27 (resolution 64/235).

Statements on explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Cuba.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 115.

Introduction of the reports of the Second, Third and Fifth Committees

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Second, Third and Fifth Committees which were before the Assembly.

Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development [53 (a)]

(a) *Report of the Second Committee (A/64/420/Add.1, paragraph 20, draft resolution III)*

(b) *Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/600)*

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution III recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 20 of its report (A/64/420/Add.1) (resolution 64/236).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 53.

Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption . . . . . [55 (b)]

(a) *Report of the Second Committee (A/64/422/Add.2, paragraph 8, draft resolution)*

(b) *Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/599)*

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/64/422/Add.2) (resolution 64/237).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 55 and agenda item 55 as a whole.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Second Committee.

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [69 (c)]

(a) *Report of the Third Committee (A/64/439/Add.3, paragraph 18, draft resolution II)*

(b) *Report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/597)*

By 86 votes to 23, with 39 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Third Committee in paragraph 18 of its report (A/64/439/Add.3) (resolution 64/238).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Myanmar and the Solomon Islands.

The representative of Norway made a statement on a point of order.

The General Assembly concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 69 and of agenda item 69 as a whole.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Third Committee.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the reports of the Fifth Committee on agenda items 143, 144, 131, 132, 136, 145 and 130.

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee which were before the Assembly.

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/592) [143]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/64/592), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/64/L.13 (resolution 64/239).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 143.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991: report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/593) . . . . . [144]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/64/593), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/64/L.14 (resolution 64/240).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 144.

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/594) . . . . . [131]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution I recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/64/594), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/64/L.15 (resolution 64/241).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution II recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/64/594), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/64/L.16 (resolution 64/242).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 131.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011: report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/548/Add.1) . . . . . [132]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to V recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/64/548/Add.1), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/64/L.23.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 64/243)		Adopted	
Draft resolution II (resolution 64/244)		Adopted	
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (Section V)	134	1	3
Draft resolution as a whole (resolution 64/245)		Adopted	
Draft resolution IV (resolution 64/246)		Adopted	

Draft resolution V
(resolution 64/247) Adopted

The representative of Mexico made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 132.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/482/Add.1) . . . . . [136]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/64/482/Add.1), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/64/L.24 (resolution 64/248).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 136.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/595) . . . . . [145]

The President stated that, by the adoption of the following draft resolution, as an exception, the Bahamas and Bahrain shall be treated as Level C for the scale of assessments for the period 2010-2012.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/64/595), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/64/L.25 (resolution 64/249).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 145.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/64/596) . . . . . [130]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/64/596), the text of which, for the time being, was contained in document A/C.5/64/L.26.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 130.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Fifth Committee before it.

Programme of work

The General Assembly took note that agenda items 9, 10, 13 to 16, 18, 20 to 26, 29, 33, 42, 44 to 46, 48, 49, 52, 53 (d), 62, 63 (a) and (b), 70 (a), 77, 96, 106 to 108, 111(a) to (d), (f) and (h), 112 (f), (g), (i) and (j), 113 to 115, 118 to 123, 125 to 163 and 172 remained open for consideration during the sixty-fourth session.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

22nd meeting

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994; and Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991
[143 and 144]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Revised estimates: effects of changes in rates of exchange and inflation on the proposed budgets of both the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller, introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/64/570).

The Committee drew attention to the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/64/7/Add.19).

The Committee took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation for the biennium 2010-2011.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.13, which had been coordinated by the representative of New Zealand.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 . . . . . [144]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.14, which had been coordinated by the representative of New Zealand.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [131]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.15, which had been coordinated by the representative of Kenya, on behalf of the Chair.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee also had before it draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.16, which had been coordinated by the representative of Angola, on behalf of the Chair.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolutions.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 . . . . . [132]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchanges and inflation

The Assistant Secretary-General, introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/64/576).

The Committee drew attention to the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/64/7/Add.19).

The Committee took note of the revised estimates: effect of changes in rates of exchange and inflation on the proposed programmed budget for the biennium 2010-2011.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.17, which had been coordinated by the representative of Mexico, on behalf of the Chair.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.18, which had been coordinated by the representative of Norway, on behalf of the Chair.

Before the consideration of the draft resolution the representative of India made a statement in explanation of position.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

The Assistant Secretary-General, Controller introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/64/14).

The Chair proposed, and the Committee agreed to recommend to the General Assembly to note that a balance of $31,331,900 remained in the contingency fund.

The Chair of the Committee then drew the attention of the Committee to the draft report of the Fifth Committee contained in document A/C.5/64/L.23, submitted by the Secretariat, on behalf of the Rapporteur.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.20 which had been coordinated by the representatives of Austria, Bulgaria (Rapporteur of the Committee), Kenya, Mexico and Venezuela (the Bolivarian Republic of), on behalf of the Chair.

Before the consideration of the draft resolution the representative of Israel made a statement and requested a recorded vote on Section V of draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.20.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on Section V of draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.20 which was adopted by a recorded vote of 136 votes to 2 with 3 abstentions.

After the adoption of Section V of draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.20, statements were made by the representatives of Guatemala and the United States.

The Committee then adopted, without a vote, draft resolutions I to V, contained in document A/C.5/64/L.23.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [136]

The Committee resumed consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.24, which had been coordinated by the representative of Thailand (Vice-Chair).

Before the consideration of the draft resolution the representatives of the Russian Federation, Kazakhstan, Japan, Ukraine and Sweden (on behalf of the European Union) made statements.

The representative of the Russian Federation proposed an oral amendment to the draft resolution.

The representative of Japan requested a recorded vote on the oral amendment to the draft resolution.

Before the consideration of the draft resolution, as orally amended, the representatives of Kazakhstan, Ukraine and Sweden (on behalf of the European Union) made statements.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the oral amendment as submitted by the delegation of the Russian Federation on draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.24, which was rejected by a recorded vote of 85 to 22, with 27 abstentions.

After the vote, statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Ukraine and Belarus.

The Committee then adopted as a whole and without a vote, draft resolution A/C.5/64/L.24.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations . . . . . [145]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/64/25, which had been coordinated by the representative of Ireland, on behalf of the Chair.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of the Bahamas and Sweden (on behalf of the European Union).

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [130]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft decision A/C.5/64/L.26, submitted by the Chair.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, draft decision A/C.5/64/L.26.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this item at this stage.

Expression of thanks and farewell to Secretariat staff member Mr. Paul Dysenchuk

The Secretary of the Fifth Committee expressed his appreciation and farewell to Mr. Paul Dysenchuk.

Closure of the work of the Fifth Committee during the main part of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly

The Chair made a concluding statement.

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